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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

DECEMBER 14, 1908.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

Mr. DICK submitted the following

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION:

Whereas the twelfth day of February, nineteen hundred and nine, is the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, a towering figure in history, and one of the few truly great men the world has produced; and

Whereas his life and fame are the heritage of all nations, uplifting the lowly and humbling the mighty; proclaming the brotherhood of man; his example a beacon as generations pass that will burn brighter so long as history endures; of lowly birth and his youth an unceasing struggle, manhood brought him wisdom, destiny gave him leadership in the greatest crisis of our nation's history, and death placed him among the immortals; not only a grand and great man, but a good man as well, with wisdom and heart to do the right as God gave him to see the right, with malice toward none, with charity for all, giving his life that government by the people might endure, by his martyrdom unifying a nation for all time—such being the estimate of him by the American people; and

Whereas a free people should honor and revere the memory of their great dead, that posterity shall be encouraged to emulate their example, it is fitting that the one-hundredth anniversary

of Lincoln's birthday be specially observed with appropriate ceremonies, not only by the Congress, but also by all the States and municipalities of the United States and by all organized bodies of citizens and the people generally: Therefore be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring)*, That said Twelfth day of February, nineteen
3 hundred and nine, be set apart for a joint session of the two
4 Houses of Congress to be assembled to pay tribute to Abra-
5 ham Lincoln, the Great Emancipator, to listen to an appro-
6 priate address upon the life, character, genius, patriotism, and
7 public services of the statesman who guided safely the ship
8 of state through its greatest peril, and to otherwise com-
9 memorate in fitting manner his invaluable services to this
10 nation.

11 *Resolved further*, That we recommend that the Ameri-
12 can people at home and abroad, the States and Territories,
13 and the District of Columbia, all municipalities and towns,
14 all organized bodies of citizens, church as well as state, all
15 associations, civil, military, patriotic, fraternal, scientific, and
16 social, labor, and trade societies, chambers of commerce and
17 boards of trade, and other civic, commercial, and industrial
18 bodies, and all others, set apart the centennial of the birth of
19 Abraham Lincoln to do reverent honor to his memory.

20 *Resolved further*, That we recommend that at all places
21 where people gather for public purposes addresses be made

in eulogy of Lincoln, that the emancipation proclamation be read, his Gettysburg speech repeated, and that wherever possible a short history of his life, his Gettysburg address, and suitable excerpts from his addresses and correspondence be printed for circulation in pamphlets, magazines, periodicals, and newspapers.

Resolved further, That inasmuch as his triumph over the adverse circumstances of early years should be an incentive to the youth of the land, we recommend that on this day special and appropriate exercises be held in colleges, universities, academies, and schools, and all other seats of learning to teach the lesson of the life and achievements of this great exemplar of our American civilization.

Resolved further, That we recommend action looking to the erection in the city of Washington of a monument which shall be worthy his great fame, his service to humanity and to his country, and fittingly commemorate the grandeur of character, the nobility of life, and the epoch-making career of Abraham Lincoln.

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